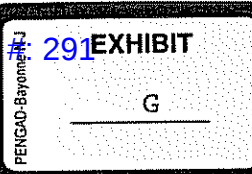




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1. Affiant's Name (First, Middle, Last) John Barker		2. Employing Postal Facility	
3. Position Title MANAGER Customer Service Operations	4. Grade Level EAS-23	5. Postal Address and Zip + 4 850 TOWN RIVERS DRIVE COLUMBUS OHIO 43219-7220	6. Unit Assigned Customer Service

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My name is John Barker. I am the Manager of Customer Service Operations for the City of Columbus OHIO. I am a black male. Ed Easley, Maggie Moore, and Trace Blackwell are Supervisors at the West Worthington Station. This station is one of eleven stations under my area of responsibility. Kathy Fouse was a Transitional Employee Carrier who worked at the West Worthington Station during the month of June 2000. She had been a Transitional Employee carrier for one and a half years from 11-16-98 to June 2000. Kathy Fouse was issued a Notice of Removal for attempting to cover up a vehicle accident and failure to report the accident. Both situations being unsatisfactory performance issues. In concurring with the Notice of Removal I signed Appendix B, Article 15, Paragraph 9, 10, and 11 of the contract agreement between the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Kathy Fouse to my knowledge had no prior discipline. All city carriers are required to report

Affiant's Signature

John Barker

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all accidents immediately to station management. They are required to remain at the accident scene so an investigation can be conducted. There is an accident kit provided with every postal vehicle. In the kit is a step by step explanation of the procedures to be followed when involved in an accident. All city carriers are informed of these policies and procedures in carrier orientation. These policies and procedures are also reinforced through safety talks and discussions at the station or branch office where the carriers work. Kathy Fouse did receive all required training and instructions to perform her duties as a letter carrier. The same policies and procedures are applied to both part time flexible carriers and transitional employee carriers when involved in preventable vehicle accidents. The corrective action process is followed. I have the responsibility of investigating and reviewing the facts and information provided before making a decision for the postal service. If city carriers do not follow the proper policies and procedures following a motor vehicle accident the corrective action process is followed as specified by the agreement between the ~~agreement~~ ^{United States Postal Service} and the National Association of Letter Carriers. During the period of July 31, 1999 and July 31, 2000 I believe there were between 15 and 17 transitional employee carriers working in the city of Columbus. Kathy Fouse is the only notice of removal from that group of employees that I can remember for the same offense.

Affiant's Signature

John Barker

Date

April 26, 2001